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Migratory Game Bird Regulations

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OPEN SEASON DATES

Ducks and Coots: (Except Coots in Lake & McHenry Counties)	October SHOOT
Coots: (Lake & McHenry Counties)	October inclus SHOOT
GEESE* (Blue Geese and Snow Geese only) and Brant:	October SHOOT
Rails and Gallinules: (Except Coot)	Septem SHOOT
Sora:	Septem SHOOT
Doves: (Mourning)	Septem SHOOT

Canada Geese, including Hut
Swans, Woodcocks, Wilson's Snip

* Amendments to U. S. Federal Regul
Cackling Geese and White-Fronted Geese f

DAILY KILL LIMITS

(Including birds taken by any other person, who, for hire, accompanies or assists hunter in taking birds.)

Ducks:	7 in t Mer
American and Red-breasted Mergansers:	25 sing
Geese and Brant:	4 Blu con
Rails and Gallinules: (Except Sora and Coot)	15 In t
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Doves:	10

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FEDERAL DUCK STAMP

All persons over 16 years of age hun
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These stamps, commonly called duck

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SHIPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

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To take during the respective periods of the year the game animals, game birds, or migratory game birds, without first having procured a hunting license.

To issue a hunting license to any person under the age of sixteen years without the written consent of the father or mother or legally constituted guardian of such person.

To issue licenses to any person who is not a citizen of the United States and to issue a license to the minor children of any such persons.

EXEMPTIONS—The owners residing on, or bona fide tenants of, farm lands, and their children, actually residing on such lands, shall have the right to take wild birds or wild animals, upon such lands and waters thereon, without procuring hunting licenses, and persons, non-residents of this state, serving in the military or naval forces of the United States, may, until July 1, 1947, hunt in this State upon paying the hunting license fee required for a resident of this State; provided that such hunting shall be done during such periods of time and with such devices and by such methods as are permitted by this Act.

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It pays to cooperate in the Conservation of Wildlife—

Because hunting furnishes an excellent recreation.

Because a true sportsman receives very beneficial results from the hunt.

Because if you are interested you enjoy outdoor life, even though your kill may be small.

Because a true sportsman's natural instinct is to help to conserve and not destroy.

Because you, as a sportsman, should help conserve our wildlife whereby future generations may be benefited by same.

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AND DON'T FORGET that a single forest fire might destroy all the values that have been built up with the money you spent for a hunting or fishing license.

A FIRE WILL KILL MORE GAME THAN A HUNTER!

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The following is from "Ducks Unlimited":

DUCKOLOGY

DATA ON THE WOOD DUCK

By *Chief Naturalist* B. W. Cartwright

One would need the pen of a Ruskin to describe the beauties of the drake Wood duck. Suffice to say that in color, pattern and design the Wood duck is North America's most beautiful duck, indeed its rival

in all the world is only its close relative, the Mandarin duck of China. The female too, carries more color than most waterfowl females but compared with the resplendent male she is obscure.

The breeding range lies almost wholly in the United States, east of the Mississippi and on the Pacific slope in Washington, Oregon and northern California. The northern limits of its range are in New Brunswick, Ontario and Manitoba (rare but slowly increasing) and in southern British Columbia, where it has shown a substantial increase in recent years. Thus its main breeding range lies in the densely populated areas east of the Mississippi and on the Pacific coast. Nesting in holes in trees, it is small wonder that it almost became extinct as the forest was logged off and was replaced with farms and factories.

Indeed, it became so rare that its re-establishment in some areas was accomplished by importing breeding stock from Europe where, because of its great beauty, it had been bred commercially to supply the demand from zoological parks and private estates, and yet the Wood duck is a native of North America and does not occur in the wild state in any other part of the world. Private estate owners, forest reserves and refuges have contributed to its present greatly improved status.

Remarkable success has attended the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service's and the Illinois Natural History Survey's management of the Wood duck by large scale use of nesting boxes, designed especially for the purpose. Before this development the birds were restricted to natural tree cavities which were few and far between and getting fewer as dead trees were continually cut down without thought of the birds.

For many years the shooting of Wood ducks has been prohibited in Canada and the United States, and heavy penalties were imposed on violaters. As the birds hit the "come back" trail accidental shooting during the open season became more frequent and fear of the consequences caused hunters to abandon or bury specimens when they found out what they had shot. To prevent such waste the United States now permit possession of one Wood duck shot by mistake.

Wood ducks nest in holes in trees from 10 to 60 feet up, usually very near to or over water, and in artificial boxes. Ten to fifteen creamy white eggs, averaging 1.98 x 1.56 inches are laid, although as many as 31 eggs have been found in a nest—probably the products of more than one female. Many observers have now described how the young leave the nest. The female flies to the ground and calls softly and one by one the young climb to the entrance hole and jump boldly into space. They hit the ground and bounce like rubber balls (almost), pull themselves together after a dazed moment or two, and follow the mother to water, when all are accounted for.

Sometimes the nesting cavity overhangs the water and the young jump directly into it. An Ontario observer described such an exodus from a cavity fully 60 feet from the ground but the ducklings showed no ill effects or injuries from their tumble. No satisfactory evidence of the young being carried by the female has been forthcoming.

With enlightened management and sympathetic cooperation of sportsmen and others, there is no reason why the Wood duck should not continue to be like Keat's Grecian Urn "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

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GEESE AND BRANT	N S th
SORA	N S th
DOVES (Mourning or Turtle)	S S

DAILY KILL LIMITS

DUCKS	
American & Redbreasted Mergansers	2
RAILS & GALLINULES (Except Sora and Coot)	1
GEESE AND BRANT	
COOTS	2
SORA	2
DOVES	1

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DOVES	10	One day

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